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APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT)
IMAGE PROCESSING ON DIGITAL)
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IMAGE PROCESSING CONDITIONS)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee of \$180.00 for this Information Disclosure Statement as specified by § 1.17(p) may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The following is a concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language document listed.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 9(1997)-30890 which corresponds to USPN 6,273,535. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 62(1985)-16694 which corresponds to USPN 4,740,833. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents does not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this

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